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A review of the football career of Stanley V. Pepperell with photographs and detailed records of his achievements in the Rugby League game for Huddersfield, Cumberland and England

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Foreword

A little over 20 years ago, the writer had the honour and privilege of collaborating with the late Mr. F. E. Woodhead—"Rouge," of the *Huddersfield Examiner*—in writing up the sporting career of that great Cumbrian Fartowner, Douglas Clark, famous in those days, world over, for mighty deeds on "rugger" field and wrestling arena.

Time marches on. Now in the year 1947, I feel honoured, once more, in being asked to pay tribute, in the shape of this "foreword," to another souvenir book, compiled on behalf of another of Cumberland's sporting sons, no other than Stanley Vincent Pepperell, one of three brothers, all of whom, a few years ago, wore the "claret and gold" jersey. Albert, the youngest, is now back in his native county doing great service for the Workington Rugby League club. Russell, the middle brother is now a "centre" of attraction at Fartown. But it is of Stanley, the eldest with whom we are chiefly concerned just now. It was in the year 1934 that this lad of 19 years of age was persuaded to leave his home town, Seaton, to try his luck with Huddersfield and the Rugby League game. That Stanley had potential football ability was evident from the outset, but it was following a period of probation that, in his early twenties, "Stan" really commenced to put "Pep" into the Fartown first team and to make his place therein secure.

He never looked back. Like his famous predecessor, Douglas Clark, who, by the way, has fathered his young protégé all these years, Stanley Pepperell became endeared to all Fartown followers by reason of his prowess on the field, his never failing sportsmanship, win or lose, and his unswerving loyalty to the club of his adoption. Sometimes, through the exigencies of the day, called upon to fill this position or that, Stanley could be relied upon to sink his own personal likes and dislikes and to answer the call.

In referring at the outset to my old friend, Douglas Clark, I did so because in Stanley Pepperell one finds all the fine qualities of character and sportsmanship which Douglas himself possesses. Can one pay higher tribute than this to to-day's beneficiare?

This souvenir book splendidly compiled by Mr. Norman Gaulton and his associates of the H.C. & A.C. Supporters' Club is replete with records of the doings of "S.V." throughout the long number of years during which he has worn the Fartown jersey. But for the last war, during which Stanley served his King and Country, he, like many others, would probably have added fresh laurels to his name on the Rugby League fields of Australia and New Zealand.

Well, Stanley, its a joy to know we aren't to lose you from the football field yet a bit. You're still young enough to be of great service to Fartown for a few years to come. May you be blessed with long life, health and happiness in the years that lie ahead. May your testimonial match be crowned with success and so demonstrate to you in practical form the great appreciation your team mates, the Football Committee and all Fartown followers have for you in remembering your long and wholehearted service for the "claret and gold."

FRED B. HOYLE.

Publishers' Preface

We are happy to pay tribute to a great-hearted wearer of the "claret and gold," by the publication of this souvenir booklet giving details of his career and many achievements.

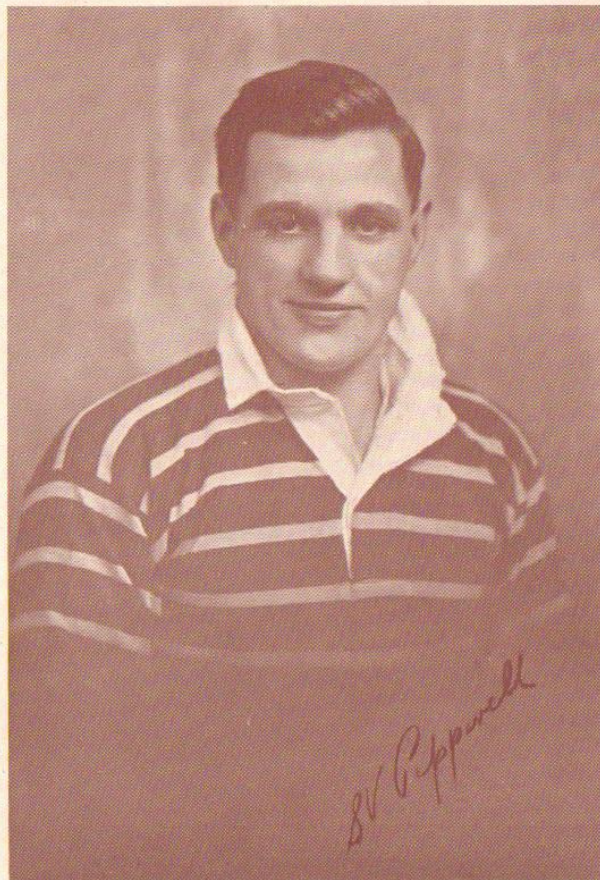
We feel sure that all sportsmen will welcome the opportunity of adding to their collection of sporting publications, and at the same time help to swell the testimonial fund, as the net proceeds derived from the sales will be donated to the fund.

Our sincere thanks are given to Mr. H. Fieldhouse and the proprietors of the *Huddersfield Examiner* for use of cartoon sketch, and to all who have assisted to make this publication possible.

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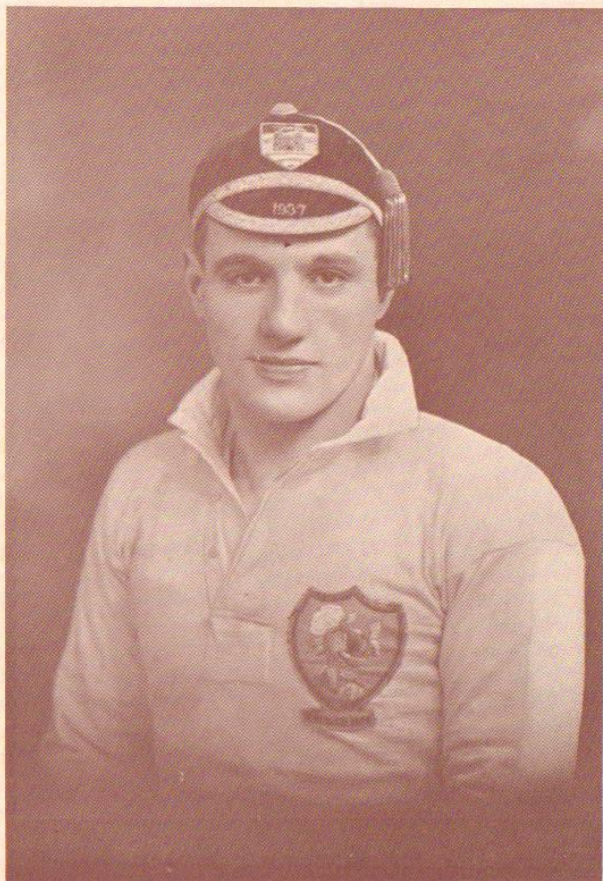
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September, 1947.



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"Pep"



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Stanley Vincent Pepperell

England and Cumberland

Stanley Pepperell

Twelve months ago the Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club rewarded Alex Fiddes, first team captain and the oldest playing member of the side, with a testimonial match. Now comes the turn of another great Fartowner, Stanley Vincent Pepperell, who is to have an equally deserved honour on November 8th, 1947, when Dewsbury visit Fartown.

"Pep," as he is familiarly known to all Fartown adherents, has ranked in popularity with Fiddes over these past dozen years and, like his captain, has played a worthy part in some sterling battles for the "claret and gold." His keenness and enthusiasm have been proverbial—these qualities, indeed, have been shared by his two younger brothers, Russell and Albert—and the name Pepperell is written indelibly in Fartown history.

A native of Cumberland, Stanley came of good football stock, for his father, Simeon Pepperell, was a well-known amateur Rugby League three-quarter in his day, who gained representation in the county team shortly after the Great War, 1914-18. Considering the fact that for so many long years Cumberland was without a senior Rugby League club, the villages and hamlets have been remarkably prolific in their production of players who have achieved fame in the Rugby League world. At Fartown, through the years, there has invariably been a sprinkling of Cumbrian talent in the side and a few names will readily come to mind from the lengthy list which could be given.

It was on October 27th, 1934, that yet another Cumberland youngster, Stanley Vincent Pepperell, made his first appearance on the Fartown ground. Like most youths of his native county Stanley had had plenty of experience at both rugby and association football, and he showed such great promise as a soccer half-back as to attract the attention of some of the senior Cumberland clubs. But his heart, from very early days, lay in the handling code and it was unfortunate for this eager youth that he had to be content with watching his favourite game from the touch line. Rugby, at that particular period, was not encouraged at

school and he was seventeen before he got an opportunity with the local junior side.

Although for some time after leaving school Stanley's Saturday football was alternated between soccer and rugby, he eventually settled down to the latter code as a scrum-half with the Seaton club. His displays soon brought him to the notice of the Cumberland County Commissioners and before very long he was chosen for the county amateur team. His first representative game was against Lancashire at Maryport on October 6th, 1934, when he played stand-off half and scored a try. Inclusion in the team to meet Yorkshire a week later followed naturally and young "Pep" again had a happy afternoon. He and his scrum partner, the late Nat Doran of Egremont, ran rings around the opposing halves as they had done in the Lancashire match, Stanley's share in the proceedings this time being a try and 3 goals.

During this Cumberland v. Yorkshire County amateur game, which was played at Lawkholme Lane, Keighley, Huddersfield "scouts," among others, took their first serious note of Stanley. One of the directors of a Lancashire club who was present at the match gave it as his opinion that the youth would never make the grade as he was too small, but this view was not shared by others who had gone to watch him. Pepperell's all-round ability in defence and attack and the manner in which he took the chance which enabled him to score his try convinced them that more would be heard of him.

"Pep" comes to Fartown

The offer of a trial game at Fartown followed and a few days before his twentieth birthday the name Pepperell went down in the Huddersfield club records for the first time on the occasion of a visit from the Rochdale Hornets Reserves. Despite his youth and the strange surroundings Stanley gave a performance that was an eye-opener to the onlookers—he played at stand-off half and his liveliness in making openings for the third line was the chief factor in Huddersfield's 25-5 win. Here, obviously, was a "find," and the shrewd Huddersfield judges lost no time in signing the promising youngster on professionally. In those days his height was 5 feet 5½ ins. and he weighed 10½ stones. To-day he stands 5 feet 6½ ins. and weighs 11½ stones.

It has, perhaps, not been generally known by many of his greatest admirers that for many years Stanley suffered with stomach trouble which at one time threatened to spoil his football career. But for this he would probably have gained regular first team status long before he did. As it was, he made his debut with the premier side against Dewsbury at Fartown less than two months after being signed. Playing at stand-off, he again proved an admirable link with his threequarters.

Not for another twelve months could he claim a permanent place in the first team, however, but when he did so he took over the rôle of goal-kicker and celebrated the event by finishing the season at the top of the club's list with a total of 43 goals in 30 matches. Most of his appearances were made at scrum-half and in one of the early games his quick service was mainly responsible for a big win over Featherstone Rovers in which Ray Markham ran in an individual record of nine tries. Later during the same season "Pep" had the satisfaction of kicking the three goals which gave Huddersfield a 6-5 victory over their old Lancastrian rivals, at Fartown.

A New Scoring Star

The following year (season 1936-37) he improved slightly upon his goal figures to the extent of kicking 44 goals and in addition he registered 26 tries which gave him an aggregate of 166 points—his highest total in a season for the club. He had several good scoring feats to his credit during this period. In the first away league match at the opening of Brough Park ground, Newcastle, "Pep" had a haul of 21 points (comprised of 6 goals and 3 tries) against the newcomers to the Rugby League, and the return game with Newcastle provided him with another outstanding performance, for, although he wasn't taking the goal kicks at that time, he scored four tries. Another scoring revel occurred when Hunslet were at Fartown and the young Cumbrian put on 20 out of his side's 35 points by kicking 7 goals and scoring 2 tries.

These scoring feats brought him into prominence and the newspaper head-lines. Sports writers were commenting on this newcomer who was challenging such established stars as Sullivan, Winnard and Pollard in the points scoring

list. There was a keen race for the first individual hundred points that season and "Pep" led for the greater part of the way, only to be finally "pipped on the post" by Tom Winnard who eventually became the first to reach the century.

But we have never looked on Stanley as a prolific try-scorer—his greatest value to the team has been in the openings he has carved out for the men behind him. Few halves of his generation have known better than he the value of the short kick-through against "spotting" opposition, and few have been able to place that kick to better advantage. Quick to see an opening and, more important still, quick to act upon the evidence of his eyes, he has been a thorn in the flesh to many opposing defences. His solidarity of build and physical strength gained at his arduous job of coal heaving have been a great asset to him in his football career, and it has been no uncommon sight at Fartown to see "Pep" shake off a couple of hefty forwards who were trying to tackle him. Yet, as was the case with his mentor, "Duggie" Clark, that strength has never been used unfairly and we have yet to see Stanley commit a doubtful action on the football field.

Having always kept himself fit he has always been ready for a game, and few will be aware that in one spell, between October 1st, 1938 and May 11th, 1940 he made 70 consecutive first team appearances. This is by no means the club record—Ernie Mills once played in 122 successive games—but it is a tribute to the Cumbrian's keenness and physical condition, especially remembering the ill-health of his early Fartown days.

During season 1936-37 representative honours began to come Stanley's way. Cumberland made their first call on him as a professional for the Yorkshire match at Workington on October 10th, 1936, and he also played against Lancashire at St. Helens on the last day of the same month, scoring a try in the latter game. His county debut against Yorkshire, who were beaten by 16 points to 10, was a great personal triumph for him and one press critic wrote:—"The Cumbrians have discovered a new power to stimulate their back play in the rising genius of Stanley Pepperell, who, whether he was feeding his centres with scoring passes, darting through the opposing ranks to recover valuable ground or flattening an opponent with a hips-and-ankle tackle, fulfilled every faith that had been reposed in him."

An International

Higher honours were confidently predicted and this was justified when he was selected as reserve to travel for the England v. Wales game at Pontypridd on November 7th, 1936. Actually he was deputy to Les Adams, the England scrum-half, but when "Barney" Hudson, one of the chosen wing-men, was unable to play "Pep" turned out in his place. Although playing in an entirely unaccustomed position he acquitted himself so well that he was again chosen for England later during that same season. This time France provided the opposition, at Halifax on April 10th, 1937, and Stanley played stand-off half to Tommy McCue.

Quite a few years elapsed before he wore the England international jersey again, but had Hitler not plunged the world into war Stanley Pepperell's name would certainly have been amongst those considered for the 1940 Australasian tour—the highest honour open to the Rugby League footballer. His third international was at Wigan on February 26th, 1944, and not only did he have a good game against the famous Welsh half-backs, Jenkins and Davies, but he dropped a couple of grand goals which enabled England to draw with the strongly fancied Welsh team. Stanley looks back on this international as being one of the highlights of his career.

Russell Pepperell, who captained the English R.L. amateurs in France just prior to signing for Huddersfield in 1939, had been selected as reserve to travel for the 1943 England v. Wales match, but he was not called upon to play and so did not share his brother's earlier experience. "Russ" gained his ambition, however, when he played on the right wing for England against France at Headingley on May 17th, 1947, even though few chances came his way in a game which England were rather fortunate to win. Now it is Albert's turn, and competent judges feel that the honour will not be denied him.

For a long while after Stanley had established his right to a position in the Huddersfield first team, one of the chief topics of conversation among Fartown supporters was as to which was his best position, scrum-half or stand-off. Versatility seems to have been his strong suit at this period of his career and in three games played during one week (two for Huddersfield and one for Cumberland) he played at stand-off, centre and full-back.

A Great Partnership

Then, late in 1937, Tommy Grahame came to Fartown along with his fellow-Australian, Ron Bailey. Grahame was brought over as a stand-off half, but was introduced into the team while it was having a bad spell and it was not until he took over the scrum-half position that he settled down. During the next few years the Grahame-Pepperell half-back combination became one of the best club pairs in the Rugby League and they played many great games together before the calls of war ended their partnership. It was no easy job playing behind a scrum-half like Grahame, whose tricks and unorthodox methods were as apt to lead his own side astray as the opposition, but Stanley proved to be the perfect foil for the mercurial Tommy.

In addition to giving Stanley his first taste of senior representative football, the year 1936 also provided him with his first trip to the continent, for he was a member of the Huddersfield party which crossed over to France in November of that year, playing matches at Bordeaux and Paris. The following season he went across again, this time with a selected Rugby League touring team which met French sides on a twelve-days tour between April 21st and May 3rd, 1938. His team-mates on this latter trip included Bill Johnson, the Fartown winger, and Alec Givvons, who was then with Oldham.

Goodfellow, Wakefield Trinity's scrum-worker was "Pep's" half-back partner on the tour. Stanley was later to go over to the continent for a purpose other than that of playing football.

Cup-ties and Championships

Cup finals are always events of outstanding importance in a footballer's life and though Stanley has never played in a Rugby League Challenge Cup final (Albert is, as yet, the only one of the three brothers who can claim that distinction) he has taken part in three Yorkshire Challenge Cup finals. The first was in 1937, at a time when Huddersfield were going through a bad spell, and although they lost the Fartowners did well in holding a strong Leeds team to a

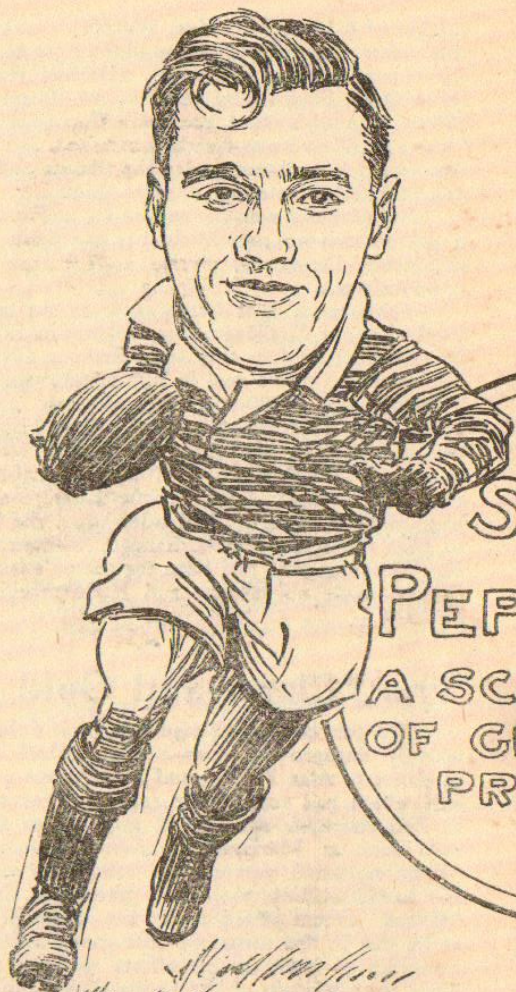
margin of 8-14 at Belle Vue, Wakefield. Compensation for this defeat came within twelve months, as Huddersfield won the cup at their next attempt, defeating Hull in the final tie at Odsal Stadium by 18 points to 10, on October 22nd, 1938. Stanley's third Yorkshire Cup final was really only "half a final" so far as he was concerned, as it was one of the war-time series played under the "home and away" system and he didn't turn out in the first game.

Huddersfield won the second leg at Fartown by 2 points to nil, but this was not sufficient to give them the cup as their opponents, Dewsbury, carried a 7-0 lead over from the previous week.

The nearest that Stanley got to an appearance in a Rugby League Challenge Cup final was in 1936, when Leeds beat Huddersfield in the semi-final by 10-5 at Wakefield. He kicked his side's goal in that match, which was watched by close upon 38,000 spectators who saw Leeds gain inspiration from a memorable try by Eric Harris following a brilliant move by his centre name-sake, Fred. Three years later a good league run in the New Year enabled Huddersfield to gain a foothold in the League Championship semi-final, but visions of a league final faded when the Fartowners had to visit the leading club, Salford, without the services of Ray Markham who had been the season's leading try-scorer. Salford made no mistake and Huddersfield were defeated by 15-0.

The "Claret and Gold Sevens"

The pre-war years found members of the Fartown team actively engaged in seven-a-side football under the able guidance of Alex Fiddes, and Stanley was a member of the side which had such a fine record of success. His ability to find the open spaces and make room for the speedier men such as Markham, Johnson, Grahame and Fiddes, played no small part in the string of "sevens" victories. His sound tackling, too, was a great asset, for the tackler at "sevens" cannot afford to let his opponent escape as well as he can in the thirteen-a-side game, where he has more comrades to back up his efforts to bring his man down. They were winners of the Leeds Gold Cup, 1936-1938 and 1939.



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War-time Service in the R.A.F.

The first season or two of war-time football saw Stanley in his accustomed half-back place in the Fartown team, but on November 20th, 1941, desiring to "do his bit," he joined the Royal Air Force as a driver. He got very little chance of playing football while in the Services and when he did get a game it was usually soccer which was played. After he joined up his appearances with the Fartowners were all too infrequent and were eagerly looked forward to.

Many will remember one occasion during his absence when Huddersfield had played Featherstone Rovers at Fartown in the first leg of a Yorkshire cup-tie and had finished with a lead of only two points after a disappointing display. Fartowners were not very optimistic about the team's chances at Post Office Road the following Saturday and it seemed that the side would be poorly supported. During mid-week, however, word went round the town that "Pep" was coming over on leave and would be playing at Featherstone. How the drooping spirits of followers revived at this news, which probably doubled the Featherstone "gate" that day! And to complete the tale, Stanley played no small part in another Huddersfield win.

There was not such a happy ending to a similar story in the next round of that same cup series. In the first game at Keighley the Lawkholmers had amassed their record victory over Huddersfield to the tune of 21 points to 0. Stanley returned to the side for the second leg but though he helped his team to victory the winning margin of 13-4 was not sufficient. The try he scored in that game, following a long run from half-way to the pavilion corner, will long be remembered, and it was, perhaps, fitting that such a fine effort should be his 100th try in all matches for the club. He thus shares with Alex Fiddes the record of having reached the century of both tries and goals in league, cup, friendlies, "sevens," and second team games, but for first team matches only, "Pep" is still four tries short of the hundred.

Football "On Leave"

Three other games he played in while on leave from the R.A.F. are worth recalling. In one of them, Huddersfield and Halifax were having their usual Christmas "Derby" battle at Fartown, and the home men were a point behind

with the scores at 3-4. Time went by and several kicks at goal were missed so that it seemed the visitors would be the victors. Eventually Huddersfield were awarded another penalty, outside the "25" line and close to touch, and this time Fiddes turned to Stanley Pepperell. Few of those present could have been expecting him to land the goal, however much they may have been hoping, but a grand and timely shot took the ball clean over the bar in what proved to be the deciding score. Incidentally, the previous Huddersfield points had been registered by Russell Pepperell, who crossed for an unconverted try from a movement opened up by Albert—one of the few occasions on which all three brothers appeared together in the "claret and gold" jersey.

Another Halifax encounter, a Rugby League cup-tie at Thrum Hall, provided the onlookers with a great half-back duel between the old Grahame-Pepperell combination and the Halifax pair, McCue and Todd. That Huddersfield lost the match was not the fault of their halves who played a grand game and made innumerable openings which their comrades just could not put to full account. The Fartowners could only record one try that day and it was obtained by Stanley, who went through a completely baffled defence beautifully.

The third game to which reference is being made concerns a Yorkshire cup-tie at Fartown not long after D-Day. Stanley was believed to have been sent abroad, but he turned up on embarkation leave on the day of the match, was included in the team at the last minute and scored a "hat-trick" of tries against those redoubtable cup fighters, the men from the Hull Boulevard.

Moving about the country a great deal as he did in the course of his R.A.F. duties as a transport driver, Stanley often showed up unexpectedly and, on the other hand, was occasionally missing when required. In 1944, a big war-time Services representative game was played at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, in which a team composed of Rugby League players met a side of Rugby Union men under Rugby Union rules. Stanley was originally chosen as reserve for the league team, but a day or so before the match it was discovered that he would be required to play. Then the trouble began for he could not be found, and though great efforts were made to get in touch with him right up to the time for the match contact could not be made and he heard nothing about it all until afterwards.

His best Match . .

In which game did Stanley Pepperell give his greatest display? Fartown followers will all have their own opinions on this question, and the resultant arguments would probably fill a book in themselves. Some of his outstanding performances have already been mentioned. There were many others; one of them at Batley in 1940 when he played so brilliantly that the Fartown programme for the following week contained the comment: "Stan Pepperell played a magnificent game at Batley, one of the best in his career by general consent."

. . and his most Disappointing One!

Stanley refuses to commit himself so far as naming which he considers to be his best match, but he will readily own up, with a rueful smile, as to which gave him a greater disappointment than any other. This was a Rugby League Challenge Cup-tie against Wigan at Fartown in 1937, when Huddersfield were narrowly beaten through a last minute try by Holder which gave Wigan an 8-7 victory. The Fartown players had felt that this was to be their cup year and had played great football in proof thereof, but that Wigan try, scored so close to the final whistle, negated all their previous efforts and was a very bitter pill to swallow.

It is given to very few sets of club followers to see three brothers all playing together in their team at the same time in senior Rugby League football. The Pepperell brothers, Stanley, Russell and Albert, all wore the "claret and gold" jersey in the same match on three occasions during season 1942-43, before Russell departed for service in the Far East. Apart from those three treble appearances, Stanley and Russell had played together in the Fartown first team 74 times up to the end of season 1946-47, Stanley and Albert had partnered each other at half-back 9 times, and Russell and Albert had turned out together once.

The transfer of Albert Pepperell to Workington Town (with whom he had been playing as a "guest") in January, 1946, ended the possibility of their re-appearance as a club

trio, but they played together in the Cumberland county team last season. All three were chosen for the first game against Yorkshire in September, Stanley being given the captaincy, but injuries intervened and only Albert turned out—and he was doing so against doctor's orders! They were all fit for the Lancashire match at Barrow in January though, and "Simmy" Pepperell must have felt very proud as he watched Stanley lead the Cumberland team on to the field. That game had a strong Fartown element, for in addition to the three Pepperells, Bawden, Burrow and Nicholson also played.

"Pep's" Testimonial Match

Huddersfield v. Dewsbury
at Fartown
Saturday, November 8th, 1947
Kick-off 3 p.m.

And now we come to the time for Stanley Pepperell's testimonial match. Although still in his early thirties he can look back on a dozen years in the service of the "claret and gold," and can do so with the greatest satisfaction. Not for his brilliance will he be remembered in future years—he has never been a "flashy" type of player—but for honest, solid endeavour and one hundred per cent. enthusiasm in all he undertook. He has had his ups and downs as a player; on one occasion he very nearly went to Bramley, but fortunately for Huddersfield wiser counsels prevailed.

In one thing Stanley can, and does, count himself extremely fortunate. When he first arrived in Huddersfield as a stripling of nineteen he did not come entirely among strangers. Douglas Clark, well-known and loved by an older generation of Fartowners, took the youngster under his wing and has played no small part in his development. The Huddersfield club and its followers owe a great debt to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, by whom Stanley is looked upon as one of the family.

Footballing Memories

by Stanley V. Pepperell

The compilers of this testimonial booklet have asked me if I would care to contribute a few paragraphs on what I consider to be my best match. Well, that is a problem and I would refrain from selecting any particular game as every time I stepped on to the football field it was with a sense of duty to uphold the high standards of the Fartown club and to do justice to a grand sport. I had as much personal satisfaction in losing a good game as in winning one.

My stay with the Fartown club has been a very happy one and I have received fair play all round. The only regret I have in looking back is that club honours have been all too few; Challenge Cup and League Cup medals have always "sidestepped" me. But my memories cannot "sidestep" me and I have many happy ones, with a few disappointments which were soon forgotten.

One outstanding memory—I prefer to call this my luckiest match—occurred towards the end of my second season at Fartown. After a favourable performance in my trial game I gave some indifferent efforts during the next eighteen months. So much so that the Football Committee asked if I would go to Bramley for the remainder of the season. Was I disappointed? Not because of that request but because I was a failure. At that time the Lindley Knock-out Competition, in which I took part, was in progress. During one of these games Douglas Clark saw me play. Unknown to me (it was a year or two before I found out) he spoke to the committee and persuaded them to give me a further trial until the end of the season. From that day onwards I never looked back and shortly afterwards I played for England.

I received international honours on three occasions, but one of the proudest moments of my career was when I lead my native county team on to the field against Lancashire last season. The inclusion of my two younger brothers and the fact that Cumberland held such formidable opposition to a draw made the occasion a very memorable one to me.

Representative Honours

gained by

STANLEY PEPPERELL

For England

- v. Wales at Pontypridd, November 7th, 1936.
- v. France at Halifax, April 10th, 1937.
- v. Wales at Wigan, February 26th, 1944.
- Was reserve v. France in Paris, season 1937-38.

For Cumberland

- v. Yorkshire at Workington, October 10th, 1936.
- v. Lancashire at St. Helens, October 31st, 1936.
- v. Lancashire at Workington, September 18th, 1937.
- v. Yorkshire at Hunslet, November 10th, 1937.
- v. Lancashire at Wigan, September 14th, 1938.
- v. Yorkshire at Workington, October 1st, 1938.
- v. Lancashire at Barrow, January 4th, 1947.
- Was chosen v. Yorkshire at Workington on September 26th, 1946, but unable to play through injury.

Rugby League Team in France

April 21st to May 3rd, 1938 (12-day tour).

War-time Representative Match

Was Reserve for R. L. Services v. R. U. Services at Odsal Stadium, April 29th, 1944.

Appreciation from George Plummer (Cumberland County Commissioner)

I was always interested in the performances of Stanley Pepperell when he was playing for the Seaton village club, for he was always outstanding and good judges predicted a great future for him. Had he not preferred the handling code he could have made his name at soccer, and Workington Reds were, at one time, very keen to sign him.

Rugby was his game though, and he soon played himself into our Cumberland County amateur side. In 1934 he was in the team against Lancashire at Maryport and Yorkshire at Keighley. So well did he play in the latter match that many clubs were keen to sign him. A Yorkshire club (not Huddersfield) made Stanley a generous offer, but I was keen to see him go to Fartown, where I knew many Cumbrians had made good.

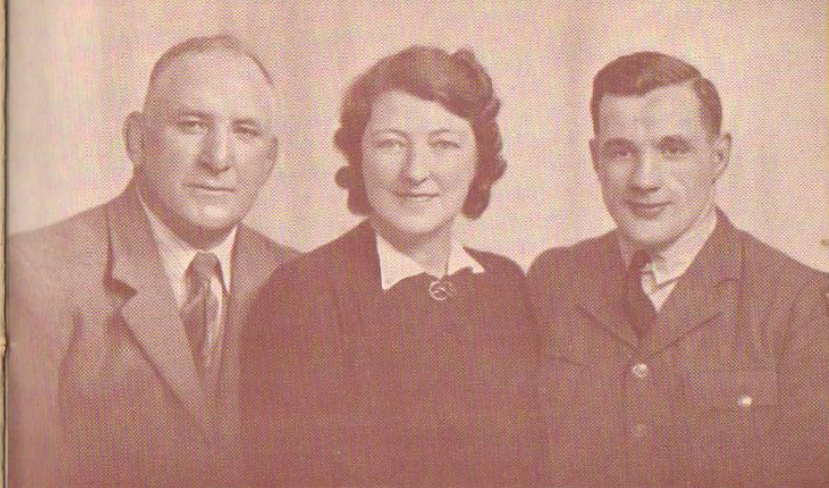
Stan. agreed, after conferring with his father, to play a trial for Huddersfield. Along with his father I saw that match and he created such an impression that many spectators waited outside the pavilion until they knew he had been signed.

I remember the Thursday night before his trial game, Stanley played a game of billiards in the Fartown bowling pavilion against an old Huddersfield player. "Well lad," said his opponent after Stanley had beaten him, "if tha's as good at rugby football as tha' is at billiards, tha'll be good enough for Fartown!"

At this time we had a great county side playing for Cumberland, which won the championship in three successive years, 1932-35. Stanley soon proved that he was fit to play for his county and in his first match he made his place in the team secure. He never played a bad game for Cumberland, and recently had the honour of captaining a county side which included his two younger brothers, Russell and Albert.

Stanley Pepperell deserves well of all lovers of Rugby League football and I send my sincere good wishes for the success of his testimonial.

G. PLUMMER.



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A Famous Fartown Trio

"Duggie" Clark

Mrs. Clark

Stanley V. Pepperell



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Supporters' Club Photo

The Pepperell Brothers

George Russell

Stanley Vincent

Albert

First Team playing record for Huddersfield against other clubs

Up to end of Season 1946-47

OPPONENTS	APP.	GOALS	TRIES	POINTS
Acton and Willesden	1	—	—	—
Barrow	4	—	—	—
Batley	13	5	6	28
Bradford Northern	23	8	7	37
Bramley	10	3	1	9
Broughton Rangers	6	—	1	3
Castleford	15	5	4	22
Dewsbury	22	10	7	41
Featherstone Rovers	16	2	8	28
Halifax	25	6	5	27
Hull	22	5	10	40
Hull Kingston Rovers	10	7	4	26
Hunslet	12	9	3	27
Keighley	15	8	8	40
Leeds	19	4	2	14
Leigh	2	3	—	6
Liverpool Stanley	4	2	—	4
Newcastle	2	6	7	33
Oldham	2	—	1	3
Rochdale Hornets	2	—	—	—
Salford	4	2	4	16
St. Helens	6	4	3	17
St. Helens Recreation	4	2	1	7
Swinton	2	4	—	8
Wakefield Trinity	18	7	6	32
Wigan	10	6	—	12
York	11	3	5	21
Australians	1	—	1	3
Club Tour in France	2	8	2	22
R. A. Artillery	1	—	—	—
Sherwood Benefit Match	1	—	—	—
	285	119	96	526

A Tribute from Alex Fiddes

It is with great pleasure I write this tribute to Stan. Pepperell — a grand player and an excellent team mate. Nobody, and least of all his fellow players, can ever say that Stan. didn't put his team first. Having played side by side with him throughout all his career the thing I appreciated most was that Stan. never parted with the ball unless to some advantage. A fact not always appreciated by some supporters.

In 1939 I said and still say that Stanley Pepperell was at that period the finest stand-off in the country.

I sincerely hope that Stan. has a bumper testimonial and I wish him every success.

A. E. FIDDES.

Stanley Pepperell . .

Was born at Seaton on November 12th, 1914.

★ ★

First wore the "claret and gold" jersey on October 27th, 1934, against Rochdale Hornets Reserves at Fartown.

★ ★

Made his first team debut against Dewsbury at Fartown in a league match on December 15th, 1934.

★ ★

Kicked his first goal for the first team against Leeds at Headingley on November 30th, 1935.

Scored his first try for the seniors at Hull on December 14th, 1935.

★ ★

Has scored over 100 tries and 100 goals, including second team and seven-a-side games.

★ ★

Was leading club point scorer during season 1936-37 with a total of 44 goals and 26 tries (166 points).

★ ★

Has captained Huddersfield and Cumberland.

★ ★

Is one of the six Fartowners who have scored 20 goals and 20 tries in one season; a feat he performed during 1936-37.

★ ★

Has scored 3 or more goals in a match on 13 occasions and 3 or more tries 4 times.

★ ★

Has twice recorded an individual total of twenty points in a Fartown first team match.

★ ★

Is one of the fourteen Fartowners (three of them Cumbrians) who have scored over 500 first team points.

★ ★

Had a run of 70 consecutive first team appearances between October 1st, 1938 and May 11th, 1940.

Stanley Pepperell's Fartown Playing Records

Up to end of Season 1946-47

Detailed Appearances

Season	League	C.C.	Y.C.	R.L.C.	Aust.	Top Four	Friendly	Total
1934-35	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
1935-36	26	—	—	4	—	—	—	30
1936-37	31	—	1	3	—	—	2	37
1937-38	27	1	4	2	1	—	—	35
1938-39	38	—	4	1	—	1	—	44
1939-40	30	1	1	—	—	—	4	36
1940-41	20	—	3	2	—	—	1	26
1941-42	15	1	6	2	—	—	2	26
1942-43	3	1	3	2	—	—	—	9
1943-44	1	1	4	3	—	—	1	10
1944-45	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
1945-46	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
1946-47	19	1	1	3	—	—	—	24
		216	7	28	22	1	10	285

First Team Points Scored

Season	App.	Goals	Tries	Points
1934-35	.. 3	—	—	—
1935-36	.. 30	43	3	95
1936-37	.. 37	44	26	166
1937-38	.. 35	4	8	32
1938-39	.. 44	15	11	63
1939-40	.. 36	7	15	59
1940-41	.. 26	—	13	39
1941-42	.. 26	3	9	33
1942-43	.. 9	1	2	8
1943-44	.. 10	1	3	11
1944-45	.. 3	1	3	11
1945-46	.. 2	—	—	—
1946-47	.. 24	—	3	9
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Second Team

	App.	Goals	Tries	Points
1934-35	17	1	4	14
1935-36	6	1	2	8
1936-37	—	—	—	—
1937-38	2	1	—	2
1938-39	1	—	—	—
	26	3	6	24

Seven-a-Side Football

Four Competitions (12 games); 5 tries; 15 points.